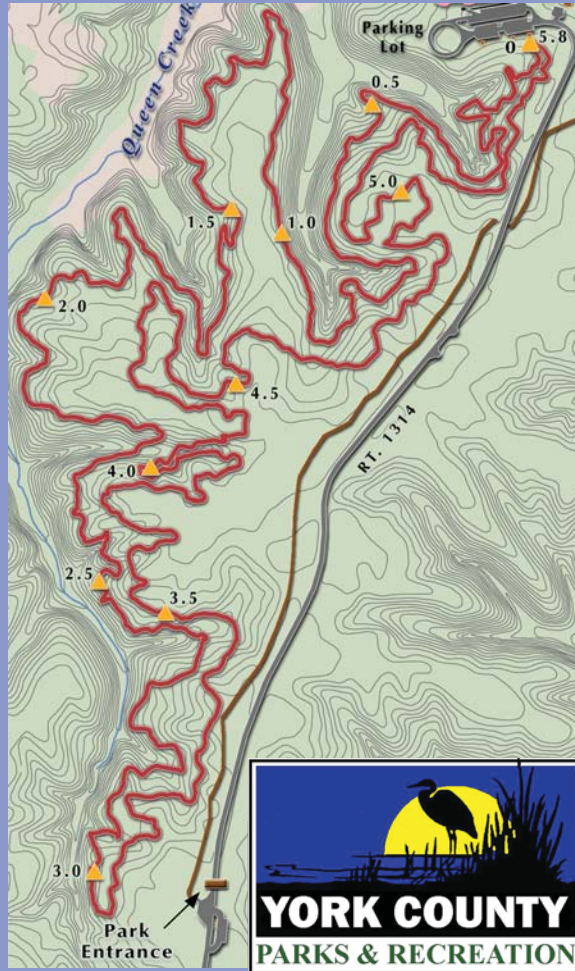
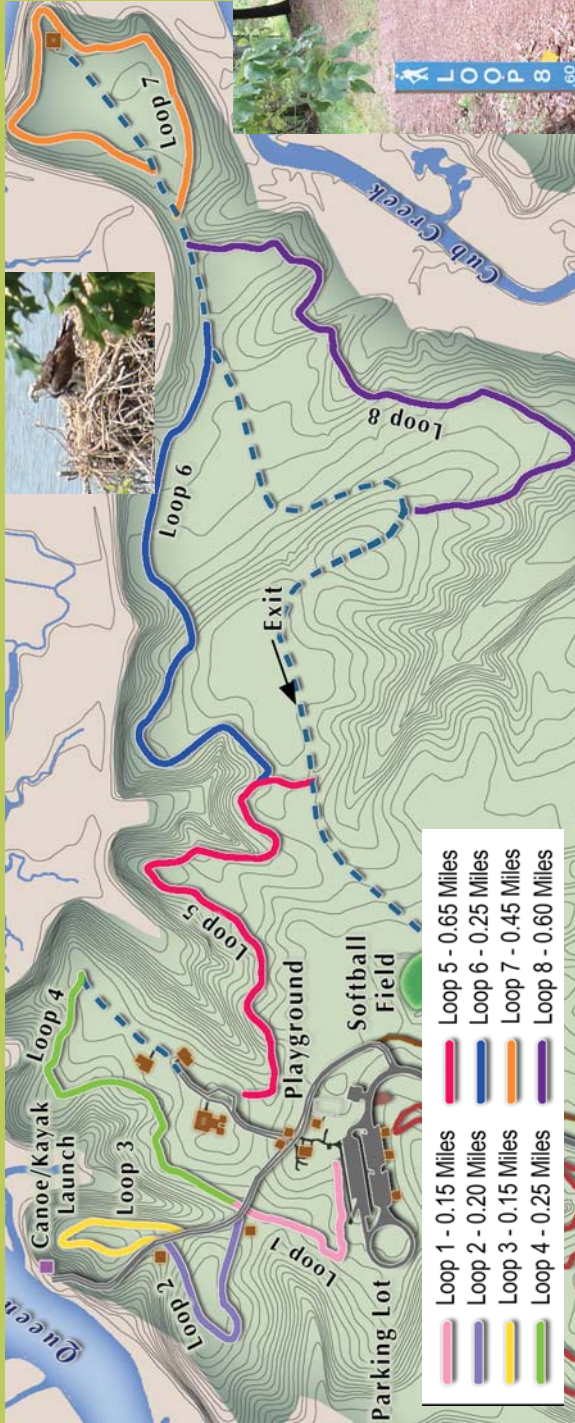


## Hiking Trails



## Mountain Bike Trail

## New Quarter Park

is a 545-acre county park located near the Queens Lake subdivision at the end of Lakeshead Drive.

**From I-64:** Exit 242A to Rt. 199 toward Jamestown. Exit Rt. 199 at Rt. 143. Turn right. Follow Rt. 143 to Penniman Rd. Turn right onto Penniman, then left onto Hubbard Lane. Follow Hubbard for about one mile. After Colonial Parkway overpass, turn right on Lakeshead and follow to park.

**From Colonial Parkway:** Exit at Queen's Lake. Turn right. Turn onto Lakeshead and follow the sign to New Quarter Park.

**Hours:** Open from 8 a.m. until dusk.

**Facilities:** Available first come, first served. Group picnic shelters may be reserved for a fee.

**Dogs:** Must be on a leash at all times. Owners must clean up and dispose of waste.

**Vehicles:** Restricted to roadways and parking areas. Off-road driving is prohibited.

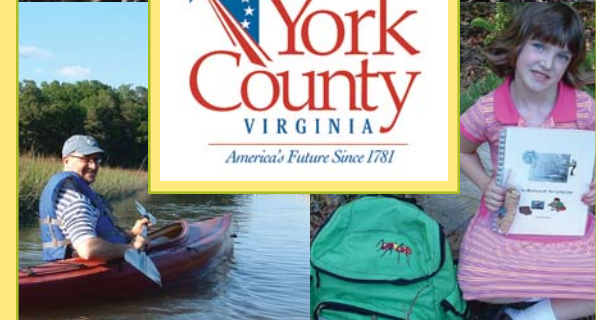
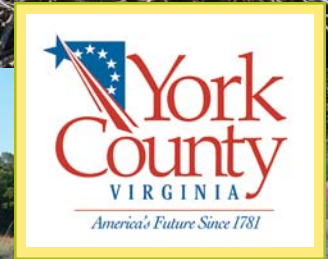
**Fires:** Must be contained in campfire circle and shelter cooking grills. Must be attended at all times and completely extinguished.

**Fishing:** Virginia fishing license required.

**Canoeing/Kayaking:** At your own risk and permitted with U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device. Leave ID at Park Office.

**Prohibited:** Swimming, alcoholic beverages, golfing, horseback riding, motorized watercraft, flying radio or wire controlled airplanes, overnight camping, metal detectors.

**Questions:** Call York County Parks and Recreation at 757-890-3500.







## NATURE

*Our park is a natural wonder.*

New Quarter Park's mature forest and open meadows provide wide-ranging habitat for wildlife including turtles, frogs, snakes and more. Enjoy the natural beauty along miles of hiking trails that follow ridges and provide views of Queen's and Cub Dam Creeks. The Parks trails were designed in cooperation with the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club ([www.tidewateratc.com](http://www.tidewateratc.com)).

Take a guided hike along New Quarter Park's trails on the first Saturday of every month beginning at 10 a.m. During this two-hour hike conducted at a leisurely pace you can find out more about the Park's heritage.

Members of the Williamsburg Bird Club lead Bird Walks on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month. Visit their Web site at [www.wmbgbirdclub.com](http://www.wmbgbirdclub.com) for complete information and photos from previous birding events. The Bird Club also offers a Nature Camp for Grownups at New Quarter Park each Spring and Fall.

Watch for newspaper announcements of these and other NQP events or call York County Parks and Recreation at (757) 890-3500 for details.

*New Quarter Park sits on a bluff underlain with fossil shells and is surrounded by tidal creeks and marsh plains. The preserve includes mature woodland and open meadow habitats that support a diverse population of plants and animals.*

## COMMUNITY

### *Share your love of nature.*

Bring club meetings and family celebrations to New Quarter Park. From playgrounds to picnic shelters you'll find outdoor places to gather and be inspired. New Quarter's campfire circle offers a spectacular view of



Queen's Creek and has bench seating for 100 people. It's perfect for scout ceremonies and inspirational sing-a-longs.

Group shelters can be reserved for \$50 or \$25 each for church picnics, class reunions, business retreats and more. Shelters have picnic tables and charcoal grills.



*Brownies enjoyed "The Mystery of the Lying Logs" (above) and Cub Scout leaders (left) used shelters while scouts played on the Park's playground.*

## RECREATION

### *Enjoy the great outdoors.*

New Quarter Park has walking and family biking paths, mountain biking and hiking trails, playground equipment, basketball and sand volleyball courts, a softball field and an 18-hole disc golf course. Come by the park office to borrow our game equipment, sign in for disc golf, or leave identification with us before proceeding to our water access ramps for canoes and kayaks.



Fishing is allowed, but a license is required. Anglers can expect to catch croaker, spot and catfish. Williamsburg Kayak Fishing Association members ([www.wkfa.org](http://www.wkfa.org)) have reported catching red drum and speckled trout in Queen's Creek between New Quarter Park's northern point and the York River.



## HISTORY

### *Imagine the past.*

New Quarter's shell-packed soil serves as a reminder that the land was once at the bottom of a shallow sea. Millions of years later, American Indians hunted and fished here.

The first Europeans to explore the land may have been with a band of Spanish Jesuits who attempted to establish a mission around 1570. By the early 1600s, members of the Virginia Company of London, including Captain John Smith, befriended warriors of the Powhatan empire who lived across the York River in present-day Gloucester County.

Queen's Creek played a role in the development of Williamsburg as Virginia's colonial capital. Sloops plied the waterway loaded with tobacco. This land supported Carter's Grove plantation and African-Americans tended livestock and harvested timber here.



After the Battle of Yorktown, New Quarter was a quiet place—until the Civil War. The Battle of Williamsburg was waged nearby. In the

20th century, the land belonged to the federal government until it was acquired by York County for recreational use.